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7. (Amended) A method according to claim 4, wherein the preformed material layers are formed and are retained in their moulds to provide the formwork for moulding of the core layer.

9. (Amended) A method according to claim 4 wherein the plastic concrete is adjusted so as to commence curing within a short time of being introduced between the preformed layers, whereby lower layers of the plastic concrete cure when further layers of the plastic concrete are introduced.

10. (Amended) A method according to claim 4 wherein the material layers are formed from synthetic resin.

11. (Amended) A method according to claim 4 wherein the core layer comprises a thermosetting resin or a thermoplastic resin.

14. (Amended) A method according to claim 10 wherein the core layer further includes a reinforcement.

17. (Amended) A method according to claim 13 wherein the core layer includes further reinforcement.

Please cancel claims 20 and 21.

## **REMARKS**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(ii), a marked-up copy of the amended claims is included with this Preliminary Amendment and labeled as "Exhibit A". It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action at an early date is respectfully requested.